

Liam Murphy Testimony: SB 5524 for April 10th Public Hearing
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To whom it may concern,

As stated above, I am a current student attending Rogue Community College in Medford Oregon in Business Administration. I will be transferring to Southern Oregon University in Ashland after my 2 years at RCC is complete. I am blessed to live with my parents through my education: as a result, I get to focus on my studies without needing to obtain a job. This would change if funding for Oregon Promise was to end. Currently, much of my funding is provided by the PELL grant. However, that will end before my 2 years at Rogue Community College is completed. Oregon Promise currently supplies me with a few hundred dollars a term. Because of these funding sources, I get to attend RCC at no personal cost, and I get to save what I do obtain in extra for my time in University. I would be a lesser student if I had to diverge my time elsewhere. As is obvious, University courses cost much more than at RCC. This funding is crucial so I may finish my associates, and to lessen the blow of tuition costs at SOU. It's unfortunate that so many students must often work full time in addition to being a full-time student: this is a recipe for failure and extreme stress. The Oregon Promise is an important program, and sets a positive precedent to the rest of the country.

Thank you for your time,

Liam Murphy